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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am forwarding an unclassified study on Soviet propaganda as a follow-up to the request made by Representative Ashbrook at the 20 April 1978 hearing on CIA and the media. It is my understanding that the Committee wishes to include this study in the hearing transcript.

Because the study is unclassified, it deals only superficially with certain aspects of Soviet propaganda operations, most particularly with the covert activities of the KGB. I believe, however, that it will provide a useful primer on the scope and magnitude of the Soviet propaganda apparatus as well as the cynical disregard for truth which characterizes Soviet propaganda operations.

The study--as its last paragraph indicates--covers Soviet propaganda directed against American interests from abroad, but does not concern itself with Soviet propaganda operations conducted within the United States, as this is outside CIA's purview. You may wish to consider requesting the appropriate agency to prepare such a study. As our paper suggests, there are indications that Soviet propaganda activities against the United States will increase in the future.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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